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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA OVERFLIGHTS

REF: A) BANGKOK 8539 B) BANGKOK 7672

1. REVIEW OF THAI REQUIREMENTS AND PAST U.S. PROCEDURES ON
OVERFLIGHTS OF THAILAND DISCLOSES THAT MFA OR OTHER SPECIAL
RTG APPROVAL FOR U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT TRANSITING THAILAND
AIRSPACE WITHOUT LANDING IS NOT NECESSARY. IT APPEARS THAT
CTF 72 REQUEST FOR BLANKET OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR P-3 FLIGHTS
TO DIEGO GARCIA (REF B) STMMED FROM RECENT PROPOSED CHANGES
TO FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE ACTUALLY INTENDED FOR OTHER

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PURPOSES. WE ARE THEREFORE AUTHORIZING RESUMPTION P-3

AND OTHER OVERFLIGHTS TO DIEGO GARCIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH
STANDARD ICAO PROCEDURES.

2. WE REMAIN PREPARED TO RAISE WITH MFA THE POSSIBILITY
OF INTERIM USE OF UTAPAO FOR LANDING TO LOAD RETROGRADE
CARGO ONTO AIRCRAFT RETURNING FROM DIEGO GARCIA, AND WILL
DO SO UPON RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT.
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